Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Schools are far more than buildings or institutions, they are vital partners in educating, nurturing, training, and developing discipline in the students of today; and,

Whereas, Educators play a significant role in educating, influencing and motivating the students of America, preparing them to be responsible, knowledgeable, and successful citizens; and,

Whereas, Parents are the first and foremost educators of their children, essential to their formal education and partners in the success of their local schools; and,

Whereas, Students are America's most precious resource, and the future success of our nation depends heavily on their success today; and,

Whereas, All citizens are impacted by the investment in, and the results of, the schools of America:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to seek out opportunities to support education and our schools. We will pursue avenues of encouragement and improvement beginning this month and continuing throughout the year.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State